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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on October 20, 2003. A Petition for a third-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to December 20, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.